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Location: Fifth Street, Washington, Franklin County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van
Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:
        Built ca. 1855 by Louis Trentmann, carpenter, contractor, and builder.
Johannes Ludwig Trentmann was born in Hanover, Germany, on May 16, 1836. He
emigrated to the United States in 1856, settling first in Cincinnati. He
moved to Leavensworth, Kansas, in 1858, and to Washington in 1859. When aged
14, he began learning the carpenter's trade and also "attended a school of
architecture for two years." In 1860, he and Fred Narup formed a partnership
to operate the Washington Planing Mill, which continued until 1876. From 1877
until 1885, Trentmann worked as a traveling salesman, but in 1885 resumed his
former occupation of contractor.
        The one and one-half story brick house has an entrance gable recalling the
north German and Danish tradition and is found in Missouri only in the
Washington area on houses dating from the late 19th century. The dormer
windows, if original, have had their roofs altered during the 20th century.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Ralph Gregory, Florida, Missouri.
Goodspeed's History, p.836.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs,
primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by
Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with
Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the
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available in the ▮▮▮▮ records for MO-1800.